

Month of the Military Child

Kids-Fest

(10 a.m. - 3 p.m., April 12)

All-day games, booths, face painting, cookie decorating and information fair at the RAF Lakenheath Child Development Center and Liberty Park, behind Electric Avenue. Open to all children up to 12 years old. Parents must accompany children. Hosted by the child development center, Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall family support centers and family advocacy.

Feltwell Furniture Store sale

(Sunday - 12)

Ten percent to 20 percent off selected baby furnishings such as gliders, rockers, cribs, strollers, Winnie the Pooh decor, car seats and high chairs. Sale items are subject to availability.

Four Seasons, Toyland sale

(throughout April)

Fifty percent off the prices on limited quantities of certain toys during the month of April. Sale items may be subject to availability.

AAFES main exchange

(April activities)

Tuesday - video release of "Dragon Heart"

April 11 - 21 - 30 percent off all boys Polo clothing

April 12 - 18 - 30 percent off boys BDUs

April 15 - video release of "101 Dalmations"

April 19 - Kids' computer class, 8 - 10 a.m.

Youth activities week

(Monday - April 11)

Monday - Sailing, ages 8-18, \$25

Tuesday - Horseback riding, ages 8-18, \$15

Wednesday - Go-karting, ages 8 - 18, \$18

Thursday - Forest paintball, ages 14-18, \$35

April 11 - Orienteering, ages 12 - 18, \$10

Free children's video rental

(Wednesday and April 23)

Electric Avenue offers free video rental for children's movies to children 12 and younger.



Photo by Veronica Ducharme

(From left) Trevor Ducharme, Colton Remedies, Trevor Bagley and Desiree Ducharme practice their painting skills at a home day care center.



"Why Military Children are Special"

I am a military child and I am special because I have a clean house to live in and good food to eat. I am also special because there are doctors in case I get sick. This is because my dad has a steady job in the military.

Military children are special because we get to travel to different countries, places, and go sightseeing. We get to travel by different ways, too. Some ways I have traveled are by bus, airplane, ferry boat, car, underground tube, and train.

Military children are special because we are able to meet new people. I have made many new friends. I also like learning about the different cultures.

Being a military child has given me many experiences. I have been able to see different things and places, eaten different types of food, and seen how other countries help each other.

By Amber Day
3rd-grade student

This month RAF Lakenheath celebrates the Month of the Military Child. The base is home to more than 3,500 children between the ages of six weeks and 18 years. The Department of Defense Schools here educate more than 3,200 students and many attend British schools off-base. Military children are without a doubt an important part of the Lakenheath-Feltwell community.

Plenty of events and activities are being offered this month in recognition of military children. If you have children, be sure to take time to show them how much you appreciate them. Our children are a special part of our community and deserve to know how important they are.

Col. Doug Richardson
48th Fighter Wing commander